

**11015****कक्षा 11वीं वार्षिक परीक्षा, 2022-23****[052]****ENGLISH****अंग्रेजी****[Total No. of Questions: 15]****[Total No. of Printed Pages: 08]****[Time: 03 Hours]****[Maximum Marks: 80]****Instructions -**

- (i) *Read all the questions carefully.*
- (ii) *Read the instructions given with the questions before attempting them.*
- (iii) *Marks of each questions are indicated against them.*

**SECTION – A****(Reading)****Q.1** Read the passage and answer the questions that follows -**[1×10=10]**

Once upon a time, there lived a queen in the city of Banaras. Her name was Khema and she was the wife of King Bahuputtaka. One night, the queen had a dream of a beautiful golden goose that spoke with great wisdom, almost as if he was a sage. She told her husband that she desperately wanted to see a bird just like one in her dream. So the king asked his Ministers to find out all that they could about a bird such as this. He was told that such a bird did exist but was extremely rare and difficult to find. They advised him to build a beautiful lake on the outskirts of Banaras so that he may attract such a rare and lovely creature to reside there. In this way, the queen might have her wish. Towards the North, on Mount Cittakuta, there lived about ninety thousand wild geese headed by a beautiful golden goose called king Dhatarattha. He got to hear of this exquisite lake surrounded by water lilies and lotuses floating on the surface. The king had invited all the birds to come and live on it; promising that none of them would ever be harmed. Corn was scattered on a daily basis in order to attract the birds. So a couple of geese went up to their king, the golden goose and told him that they were quite tired of living up on the mountains and would like to

see this wonderful lake where they had been promised food and protection. The king agreed to their request and took the flock down towards Banaras. Meanwhile, at the lake King Bahuputtaka had placed hunters all around in order to capture any golden goose that happened to pass by. So, the next morning, when the head-hunter saw this flock of geese approaching he was very excited to see their golden leader. He immediately went about setting up a snare amongst the water lilies and lotuses, as he knew that the leader would definitely be the first to alight. The whole flock came flying down in one mighty swoop and as expected it was the king's foot that touched the water first. He was ensnared and could not escape. Seeing this, the other geese flew into a panic. But none had the courage to try to free their king and so flew back to Mount Cittakuta for safety, all except one. He was the Chief Captain, Sumukha. King Dhatrattha entreated him to fly to safety too, as he would surely be captured if he stayed by his side. But Sumukha replied that he would never desert his master in the face of danger and would either try to save him or die by his side. At this point the hunter approached and as Sumukha saw him he decided to appeal to his compassion. The hunter asked the golden goose how come he had not noticed the trap that was set. The golden goose replied that when one's time was up it was no use to struggle against what was fated and one must just accept it. The huntsman was very impressed with his grace and wisdom. He then turned to Sumukha and asked why he had not fled with the other birds even though he was free to do so. Sumukha answered that the golden goose was his king, best friend and master and that he could never desert him even at the cost of his own life. Hearing this, the hunter realized that these were a couple of rare birds of great nobility. He didn't care much for his own king's reward and decided to do the right thing and set them free. He told Sumukha that as he was ready to die for his king he would set them both free to fly wherever they wished.

**Questions :-**

- (i) Why were the geese keen on visiting the lake in Banaras?
  - (a) They were invited personally by King Bahuputtaka
  - (b) They were tired of their old lake
  - (c) They were amused by the water lilies and lotuses
  - (d) The lake was not very far from the mountains

- (ii) Why did the king approach the Ministers?
- In order to find out the best location for the lake
  - In order to find out if a golden goose existed
  - To enquire about his wife's dreams
  - To devise a plan to capture all rare bird species
- (iii) Why did the head – hunter release the king, golden goose?
- He was impressed by his wisdom and nobility
  - The geese were a rare species of birds
  - The golden goose, King Dhatarāṭha promised him a handsome reward
  - The hunter sympathised with a golden goose
- (iv) What was the king's intention behind building a lake?
- To attract all rare species of living animals and birds
  - To beautify the city of Banaras
  - He did not want to go against the wishes of his wife
  - He wanted to capture the golden goose
- (v) Why did the flock of geese panic and retreat to Mount Cittakuta?
- Their king took the wrong route to the lake and they lost their way
  - Their king, the golden goose, was captured
  - Their Chief Captain, Sumukha betrayed the king
  - They spotted many hunters by the lake
- (vi) What advice did the Ministers give to the king?
- That no such golden goose existed and he was only wasting his time searching for one.
  - To create an artificial golden goose, for the queen
  - To build a lake in order to attract the golden goose
  - To open a sanctuary of rare birds for the queen
- (vii) Which of the following statements would best describe the qualities of Sumukha?
- Betrayer of the flock
  - The selfless goose
  - Loyal towards the king
  - The native and ignorant goose
- Only (1)
  - Only (2)
  - Only (3) and (4)
  - Only (2) and (3)

**Instructions (from viii to x) :** choose the word which is most nearly of the same in meaning to the word asked.

(viii) Exquisite -

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|---------------|---------------|
| (a) Expensive | (b) Delicate  |
| (c) Elaborate | (d) Wonderful |

(ix) Snare -

(a) Trap

(c) Plan

(b) Alarm

(d) Arrangement

(x) Desert -

(a) Displease

(c) Abandon

(b) Encourage

(d) Escort

**Q.2** Read the following passage carefully and make notes on it. Also, give a suitable title to it.

**[4]**

Orchha is a town which is situated in Niwari district of Madhya Pradesh. Orchha was founded in 1531 by the Bundela Chief, Rudra Pratap Singh. Rudra Pratap Singh became the first king of Orchha.

Orchha is nestled on the banks of river Betwa. The river Betwa splits in Orchha into seven channels which is called Satdhara. It is one of the popular tourist destinations of the state. It boasts off striking palaces carved temples, Fort and other structure. Laxminarayan temple, Sundar Mahal, Chhatris of Orchha, Ram Raja Temple etc. make an inherent part of the tourism in Madhya Pradesh and pleasant sightseeing tour in the district. Once, you moved into Orchha through a gate you'll find that it is crowned with a beautiful red, elephant headed Ganesh which gives a great pleasure to the heart. Tourists are mostly beguiled with its unique architecture and monuments of historical and religious significance. Travelling to this enchanting place will give us a beautiful journey of the bygone era and will get us through the record of medieval history. It brings out the tales of battles between kings and emperors.

As per the legend, the king of Orchha Madhukar Shah Ju Dev was a devotee of lord Krishna and his wife Ganesh Kunwari was a devotee of Lord Rama. Once the king asked the queen to accompany him to Braj but the queen wanted to visit Ayodhya. The king was adamant and asked her to join him. The queen refused. Then king instructed the queen to return to Orchha only when she had Lord Rama with her. On reaching Ayodhya the queen started praying but lord Rama did not appear. In despair, she jumped into the river Saryu at midnight. Happy with her prayers and devotion, Lord Rama appeared in the lap of the queen in child form. Lord Rama agreed to go forth on three conditions. "I will travel only in Pukh Nakshatra so that he reaches Orchha with sages. Secondly, once we reach Orchha, I will be the King of Orchha. Thirdly, the first place you seat me will be my final place to stay." On hearing the news of the queen's return to Orchha with lord Rama, the King started building the temple. Returning from her long journey, the

Queen was tired and she sat with Lord Rama in her palace and decided to retire to her room for the night. But, according to Lord Rama's condition, he took the first place where he was seated. Hence to this day, the queen's palace is known as Ram Raja temple.

### **SECTION – B**

#### **(Writing)**

- Q.3 Your father has been transferred to another city you want to sell certain household goods. Design a suitable advertisement to be published in a local newspaper. [4]

#### **OR**

You are Vikash, the Cultural Secretary of your school. You plan to organize an educational tour to Mandu during winter vacation. Write a notice inviting the students who are interested in joining the tour.

- Q.4 You are Manish Nema, residing at 71 Mahaveer Colony Damoh. Write a letter to the Collector of your district about the lack of facilities and malfunctioning of the Government Hospital of your area. [4]

#### **OR**

You are Garima Saxena, residing at 158, Civil Lines, Guna. Write a letter to your friend inviting him/her on your birthday party.

- Q.5 Write an article on any one of the following topics in about 120 words - [4]

- (i) Importance of English
- (ii) Benefits of Modern Technology
- (iii) Impact and Prevention of COVID-19

#### **OR**

Write a report giving the detailed account of the inauguration ceremony of the annual function held in your school.

### **SECTION – C**

#### **(Grammar)**

- Q.6 Fill in the blanks – (Any five) [1×5=5]

- (i) Anjana is ..... M.L.A. (a/ah/the)
- (ii) Sudesh prefers coffee ..... tea. (than/to/on)
- (iii) Have you ..... complaint against him? (any/some/much)
- (iv) She usually ..... to my house in the evening. (come/came/comes)
- (v) This is the boy ..... name is written on the board. (who/whose/whom)
- (vi) ..... that glitters is not gold. (All/Whole/Some)

- Q.7 Do as directed (Any five) [1×5=5]
- Surendra does his work himself. (Change into Negative)
  - Pradeep gave me a beautiful gift. (Change the Voice)
  - a/apple/an/day/the/keeps/away/doctor  
(Rearrange the words to make a meaningful sentence)
  - The boy is my cousin. He is wearing a red shirt.  
(Combine the sentences using a relative clause)
  - As soon as he closed his eyes, the telephone rang.  
(Use 'No sooner.....than' in place of 'as soon as')
  - If they work properly, they will not be punished.  
(Rewrite using 'unless' in place of 'if')

### **SECTION - D**

#### **(Textbook)**

- Q.8 Read the following passage carefully and answer the questions given below. [5]

We lifted her off the bed and as is customary, laid her on the ground and covered her with a red shroud. After a few hours of mourning, we left her alone to make arrangements for her funeral. In the evening we went to her room with a crude stretcher to take her to be cremated. The sun was setting and had lit her room and verandah with a blaze of golden light. We stopped half-way in the courtyard.

All over the verandah and in her room right up to where she lay dead and stiff wrapped in the red shroud, thousands of sparrows sat scattered on the floor. There was no chirruping. We felt sorry for the birds and my mother fetched some bread for them. She broke it into little crumbs, the way my grandmother used to and threw it to them. The sparrows took no notice of the bread. When we carried my grandmother's corpse off, they flew away quietly. Next morning, the sweeper swept the bread crumbs into the dustbin.

#### **Questions :-**

- Who was covered with a red shroud?  
(a) The grandfather (b) ~~The grandmother~~  
(c) The mother (d) The poet's sister
- Why did the birds not eat the bread crumbs?  
(a) Because they were not hungry  
(b) ~~Because they were mourning~~  
(c) Because they wanted to eat something else  
(d) Because they had no time to eat
- Which word in the passage means 'a dead body'?  
(a) Shroud (b) Blaze  
(c) ~~Corpse~~ (d) Funeral

- (iv) Who is the author of the above passage?  
 (a) Nick Middleton (b) Khushwant Singh  
 (c) A. R. Williams (d) Shirley Toulson
- (v) When the grandmother died, the birds -  
 (a) ate the bread crumbs  
 (b) did not eat bread crumbs  
 (c) swept the bread crumbs into the dustbin  
 (d) chirruped loudly

Q.9 (A) Read the following extract from the poem and answer the questions given below -

[3]

It is the engine of her family  
 She stokes it full, then flits out to a branch - end  
 Showing her barred face identity mask  
 Then with eerie delicate whistle-chirrup whisperings  
 She launches away, towards the infinite  
 And the laburnum subsides to empty

**Questions :-**

- (i) What happens to the laburnum tree after the goldfinch flies away?  
 (ii) Write the name of the poem and the poet.  
 (iii) Who is the engine of her family?  
 (a) Gold finch (b) Lizard  
 (c) Squirrel (d) Poet

(B) Read the following extract and answer the questions given below -

[1×4=4]

It wasn't morning yet, but it was summer and with daybreak not many minutes around the corner of the world it was light enough for me to know I wasn't dreaming. My cousin Mourad was sitting on a beautiful white horse. I stuck my head out of the window and rubbed my eyes. Yes, he said in Armenian, 'It's a horse you're not dreaming. Make it quick if you want to ride.'

**Questions :-**

- (i) Who was sitting on the horse?  
 (a) Cousin of the speaker (b) The speaker  
 (c) No one (d) Both (a) and (b)
- (ii) From which lesson, the above extract has been taken?  
 (a) The address  
 (b) Birth  
 (c) The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse  
 (d) Mother's Day

(iii) In which language did Mourad speak?

(a) German

(b) English

(c) Armenian

(d) Arabian

(iv) Write the noun form of the word 'beautiful'.

Q.10 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any five)

[5×2=10]

(i) Why did grandmother carry stale chapattis with her?

(ii) Who were other two crew men that accompanied the journey?

(iii) What is the cemetery of Tut called?

(iv) Where was Khan Sahib going? How did he intend to reach there?

(v) What does Kora mean?

(vi) Where had the narrator taken tea and who served him tea?

Q.11 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any three)

[3×2=6]

(i) What does the cardboard refer to in the poem?

(ii) What is the colour of laburnum tree in September?

(iii) What will happen if it does not rain?

(iv) What was the thing that poet couldn't find in the books of Geography?

Q.12 Answer the following questions in about 30 words. (Any two)

[2×2=4]

(i) Why did the boys return the white horse to its owner?

(ii) Why did the author of the story 'The Address' want to forget the address?

(iii) Who was Mrs. Fitzgerald? What did she advised to Mrs. Pearson?

Q.13 Answer the following questions in about 75 words. (Any two)

[2×3=6]

(i) Describe the author's grandmother.

(ii) Under the adverse conditions, children had exhibited exemplary courage. Elaborate the statement.

(iii) Write a short note about king Tut.

Q.14 Answer the following questions in about 75 words. (Any one)

[3]

(i) Write the central idea of the poem 'The Voice of the Rain'.

(ii) What happens in the beginning and end of the poem 'The Laburnum Top'?

Q.15 Answer the following questions in about 75 words. (Any one)

[3]

(i) What makes the story 'The Summer of the Beautiful White Horse' interesting?

(ii) There lies a great difference between textbook medicine and the world of a practising physician. Discuss.